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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of **Volkmar HEUER**

**CONVERSION OF CONTIGUOUS CONCATENATION TO VIRTUAL  
CONCATENATION IN A SYNCHRONOUS DIGITAL COMMUNICATION  
NETWORK**  
Our Ref. Q59675

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 19 sheets of the specification, claims and abstract, 2 sheets of formal drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement.

Please see attached preliminary amendment before calculating Government filing fee.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	6 - 20	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	3 - 3	=	0	x	\$78.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$690.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>							<b>\$690.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment							\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>							<b>\$730.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$690.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from July 14, 1999 based on German Application No. 19932739.4. The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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